

Remarks

The specification has been amended to provide a description of Figure 10a in the brief description of the drawings section, and further has been amended to describe in more detail the seating and orientation of rollers 74 with respect to races 71 and 73 of bearing 50, and also with respect to the orientation of the rollers relative to the axis bearing 50. As stated in the amended portion of the specification, bearing 50 is of a conventional configuration and is well known to persons having ordinary skill in the automotive field.

With respect to the references to air passageways, it is submitted that to the extent claimed, such passageways are adequately shown in the drawings and described in the specification. Regarding the passageway in the control arm, knuckle and hub of the wheel assembly, such passageway is clearly shown in Figure 7, with respect to reference numerals 100 through 104, and the valve connected to such passageway is shown in Figure 9, identified by reference numeral 105. A description of such passageway and air valve is provided in the specification. Claim 9 as amended merely cites the upper control and the steering knuckle including a passageway communicable with a source of pressure disposed on the body of the vehicle and a passageway disposed in the rim with a tire mounted on the rim.

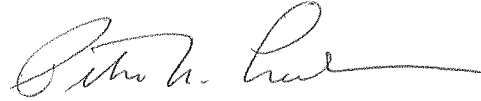
With respect to claim 22, it is to be noted that such claim merely recites that the air spring is connectable to means for providing regulated amounts of air to the spring to correspondingly vary the displacement of the body relative to the wheels. Similarly, claim 42 merely provides for the first and second support means mounted on the outer and inner races of the bearing including a passageway communicable with a source of air pressure on the body and a tire mounted on the wheel.

In view of the foregoing, it again respectfully is requested that the cited objections to the specification and claims 9, 22 and 42 be withdrawn, such claims be allowed and further that the application be passed to issue.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 14-1437.

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Respectfully submitted,

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